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Time and steam bear me on rapidly. Went in car and steamer 300 miles in 24 hours. Returned by way of Albany, New York, New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield. In the latter place, observed the day of the national fast. The Rev. Dr. Osgood, whose meeting I attended, preached in the morning an interesting and appropriate discourse. In the afternoon, by invitation, I preached on the subject of my agency. The assembly was large; some from other Christian societies were present. The cause of peace is regarded with much favor in Springfield. Spent the following Sabbath in Enfield. Here the message of peace was welcome; and a respectable collection taken in aid of the cause. In most places where the subject has been presented, collections have been received, and some of our publications circulated. On Monday, I returned home, and found my family in health.

Thus in my recent tour I have been enabled to deliver a message of peace in five different States, including this; and after an absence of eight months, and a journey of 2500 miles, going and returning, have returned to my home in peace. The subject of peace has been introduced in nearly all circles; and it is merely an act of justice to the places and strangers visited, to say that I have been always treated kindly. Certainly I have great occasion for gratitude to my heavenly Guide and Benefactor.

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#### LABORS OF OUR SECRETARY FOR TWO MONTHS.

My account of what I have attempted for our cause since our late anniversary till now (July 31st), must be very brief, and contain little beyond the names of the places I have visited during these two months.

On the Sabbath succeeding our anniversary, I went to Foxborough in the morning, to Mansfield in the afternoon, and thence to Norton for a joint lecture before the different religious societies in town. The Orthodox minister, a friend of our cause, was absent; but the Rev. Mr. Tilden, in whose church the service was held, made the best arrangement in his power, to introduce our cause before the people. As soon as I recovered sufficiently from the labors of the Sabbath, I went among the people of Norton and obtained seventeen subscribers for our periodical. These labors I continued until the hour appointed for a joint lecture in Mansfield called me, on Tuesday evening, to that place again, just in time for the service; and the next day I went through the town, as I had done through Norton, and prepared the way for the circulation of sixteen Advocates. At the close of these services, I hurried, on Wednesday evening, to lecture in Foxborough again; and the next day I went around under the guidance of a venerable deacon, once a pioneer in kindred enterprises, and obtained \$30 from as many subscribers for our periodical. I had on this, as on the preceding day, scarcely time to take any refreshment, before an appointment at Sharon hurried me away to deliver a lecture before members of the Baptist and Congregational societies in that place. The next day (Friday) I passed through different sections of the town, and obtained more than twenty subscribers; and on Saturday morning, I started before sunrise for my home.

I might go into details much more minutely; but this brief sketch of one week's labors, aside from the writing I had to do for the Society, may serve as a specimen, somewhat strong, yet pretty fair, of what I am now doing, and have been for years doing for the cause. I generally exhaust myself on the Sabbath; and, after an almost incessant stream of talk with all sorts of people through the week, I reach its close in most cases weary and worn, yet so strong that I have failed hardly once in a year of being able to preach with some degree of ease and energy. I found in the four places I visited the first week after our anniversary, many proofs, both from ministers and people, of kind regard to our cause; and my heart prompts me, if time and space would allow, to mention names, and relate events, and conversations, and efforts, highly creditable for the most part to the persons concerned. In all the four places I received \$70,50, besides \$12 subscribed, but not paid; a degree of success greater than usual, but not much more than might be expected by a man of the right stamp devoting himself constantly and exclusively to this business.

The next Sabbath I was thrown out of the arrangement on which I had relied; and barely went some ten miles for a joint third service in Sherburne. The Sabbath following, I visited Northborough, A. M. and Southborough in the afternoon and evening. The next, I went to North Weymouth, Weymouth Landing and East Abington; the next, to West Medway, Franklin and Medway Village; the next, to Pepperell and Hollis, N. H.; the next, to New Ipswich, N. H., Ashby and Townsend; the next, to Fitchburg and Leominster; and the last I spent in Grafton, and the two Congregational churches in Millbury.

Concerning my visit to all these places, I might give details very like those of my first week's labors; but I must forbear for the present, though with the hope of being able hereafter to select from some of the places a few facts of too much interest and value to be lost. I have perhaps said enough to satisfy the Committee, that I have not been very idle, or altogether unsuccessful in their service; and that the public mind is generally ripe through New England, if not all over the country, for the right sort of efforts in this cause. The harvest truly is great, and the fields ready and waiting for the sickle; but where shall we find laborers, such as we need—men willing to run the risk of laboring for nothing, and feeding themselves?

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#### ITEMS FROM EXPERIENCE.

WHAT AN EXCUSE FOR NOT READING ON PEACE!—We wish, says our agent, to enlighten the public mind on the subject mainly through the press; and, for this purpose, we hope you will, as a friend of the cause, at least take our periodical, and see that it is well read by your family and your neighbors.

“I am a friend of peace, Sir, much as any body; but my mind is already so well established on the subject, that I don't need to read about it any more.”

Then you are just the man to take the Advocate, and not only read it yourself, but get others to do so too.